

VATICAN SHADOW



A Lie Must Tell A Single Story

ariff, the country's northern capital, is struggling with pilgrims to the city's fin mosque and bustling with trade. However, the killing in Faryab is modest compared to the butchery down south. People were killed in Mr Shamal's assault on Kateh Qala in early August, for example. On August 24th, one died and two were injured in Ghunda Sang, a contested area five hours' donkey ride away. By contrast, over 2,000 people have been killed in the south this year; a suicide bombing this week in southern Helmand province killed 17 people and injured 47. Nonetheless, the lower-intensity fight between warlords is hugely disruptive in districts affected. Several hundred refugees have fled the fights around Kateh Qala, arriving in the provincial capital Maimana, with stories of rape and looting of Mr Shamal's men. Such conflict is often a control of lucrative opium-trafficking routes from the south, indicating a deeper erosion of the Afghan state. "The commanders are very powerful," says Khalid Mohammed, a policeman hunkering behind the sand bags in Kateh Qala, using the Pashto word by which Afghans call their warlords. "The provincial governor can't do anything about the commanders and their can the police."

In Juma Bazaar, near Maimana, a commander called Rahmatullah Rais, loyal to General Dostum's Jumbesh party, rules the roost. Locals claim that, like most commanders, Mr Rais levies a produce tax, which he calls zakat ibal, after the Muslim practice to feed the poor, according to his supporters. They also say he grabs their water, which after four droughts in five years is a precious resource, and accuse him of the murder of six men in the town earlier this year. Mr Rais denies involvement in the killings and says he hasn't levied zakat for a decade.

In an effort to bring such brigandage to an end, two weeks ago, the government sent troops and policemen from Kabul to the area. But they failed to nab the prime commander.

ANGLING with the Muslim headscarf is no child's play, as this week's unpleasantness at Rye Playland proved all too well. There are lessons here both for Muslims and non-Muslims. Muslims in America are free to express their views, but they often adopt the views of others only (see face) as a

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bedded with American troops in a volatile district, our correspondent asks how they can prevent an all-out sectarian war

If anyone can hear me, make some noise and we'll come help you." Having called out his plea, this man at the corner of Church and Cortlandt Streets in Manhattan, fire extinguisher in hand, awaits a response. Like so many, he wants only to somehow reach out, somehow contribute, somehow assist. He is confused, perhaps bereft, and can only shout in response to the horror of what has happened. By this point on

Jesus Christ was God in the flesh. He described himself as "the light of the world" (John 8:12), as the "I AM" who lived before Abraham (verse 58), as "the door" (John 10:9), as "the good shepherd" (verse 11), and as "the way, the truth, and the life" (John 14:6).

- The Bible records statements God makes about what he

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Ahmed al-Hawsawi — an offered to plead guilty last year before a military commission and accept execution.

Qns. 'Qaeda' plotted bombs for mass killing

Life for Oregon terror camper

A Lebanese-born Swede was sentenced to life in prison yesterday for plotting to open a terrorism training camp in Oregon in 1999 to help al Qaeda.

US District Judge John Keenan called Oussama Kassir "a clear threat to public safety" when he gave the sentence. Kassir was convicted of a plot to give European terror

espionage service

City of an al Qaeda associate who'd gotten top-level training in bomb-making at a Pakistani terrorist camp, sources said.

Najibullah Zazi was schooled in demolitions and military tactics along with several other men; all eventually settled in Queens, according to the sources.

But when Zazi got wind that he was being watched, he hightailed it to Colo., where he

now lives, although he was shadowed on the plane by FBI agents.

Now, feds are virtually monitoring Zazi's every move, phone call and computer stroke, the sources said.

Law enforcement also is trying to track down former confederates-in-arms whom he may have met over the past few years.

"I know they are running at the

but I didn't do anything," said Zazi, who once worked as a Manhattan coffee-cart vendor.

Last week, he drove from Colorado to Queens in a rental car. He told The Associated Press he was pulled over during a "traffic stop" while driving into the city.

Even as the investigation intensifies, the FBI is furious with the D for tipping off Zazi — by canvassing his old Flushing neighborhood rather than discreetly inquiring about him.

Sources said the feds would have preferred to lie in wait a little longer to see what he and his contacts were planning.

An NYPD spokesman called those claims "an utter fabrication."

God exists and acts on an infinitely higher

said that some detainees would be tried in civilian court, but that others could be prosecuted before a modified system of military commissions. Congress recently enacted legislation adding safeguards to the panels.

Kenneth Wainstein, an assistant

Ran al Qaeda training camp

in Logar, Afghanistan,

where two 9/11

hijackers were trained

Believed to have been bin Laden's bodyguard

HEATED RESPONSE

voice, David my son: done before and which fail impress Khalid Sheikh Mohammed."

Certainly, the decision represents a return to pre-9/11 sensibilities, when terrorism was seen as a law-enforcement issue, to be fought in the courtroom.

David's Double Game

Philistines accepted David because they thought he would fight against his own people. Had he known that he retained his Israelite loyalty, he could never have trusted him. So David had to admit that he was raiding the Israelites, while he raided Israel's nomadic enemies. To his game secret, he took no prisoners, for it was noticed that none of them were Israelites.

No, the fundamental question is whether such a proceeding will make America safer, or place her at greater risk.

Or, as former Attorney General





Believed to be a lead operative for foiled plot to crash aircraft into London's Heathrow Airport

...terests abroad," Mr. Holder said. No decision has yet been made about where to hold the military trials, Mr. Holder said. But the administration's decision to bring five Sept. 11 detainees onto United States soil for prosecution in the civilian legal system drew immediate fire from members of Congress as well as relatives of the victims and neighbors of the federal courthouse. They argued that Qaeda suspects did not deserve the protections afforded by the American criminal justice system, bringing them into the risk of another terrorist attack. ... to fight against the negative stereotypes of Islam wherever they appear."

Yesterday, there was none of that endless explaining that sounds suspiciously like some sort of justification for something so unjustifiable. As the president pointed out, "No faith justifies murderous and craven acts. No just and loving God upon them with favor for what he has done."

Names of the Dead

The Department of Defense has identified 907 American service members who have died as a part of the Afghan war and related operations. It confirmed the deaths of the following American on Thursday:

- SWANSON, Justin J., 21, Lance Cpl., Marines; Anaheim, Calif.; First Marine Expeditionary Force.

David Again Spares Saul's Life

26 The Ziphites went to Saul at Gibeah and said, "Is not David hiding on the hill of Hachish, which faces Jeshimon?"
So Saul went down to the Desert of Ziph, with three thousand chosen men of Israel, to search for David. Saul made his camp beside the road on the hill of Hakilah facing Jeshimon, but David stayed in the desert. When he saw that Saul had followed him there, he sent out scouts and learned that Saul had definitely arrived.
Then David set out and hid in a cave. Saul and his army encamped around him. David then asked Ahimelech the Hittite and Abishai son of Zeruiah, Joab's brother, "Who will go down into the camp with me to Saul?"
"I'll go with you," said Abishai.
So David and Abishai went to the army by night, and there was Saul, lying asleep inside the camp with his spear stuck in the ground near his head. Abner and the soldiers were lying around him.
Abishai said to David, "Today God has delivered your enemy into your hands. Now let me pin him to the ground with one thrust of my spear; I won't strike him twice."

David Arises

27 But the next day David arose and went to the cave.

...mental affront. An incensed, villainous Muslim American reacts poorly, hyper-reflexively, lamely to a psychic presence, antagonistically, of the "victim case."
Without missing a beat, the opportunistic Council on American Islamic Relations has already made accusations of "proportionate force" without giving the contribution of Muslims the fracas.
Americans: Muslim or not, don't stumble over this spin of Islam.
Now, more than ever, as we need first to understand we seek to be understood. Alims in a non-Muslim-muslim country, one that valiantly guards our religious freedoms, onus is on us to explain. The direction of buildings should reflect the purpose and ethics, including Germany's foreign intelligence service out to undergo a huge transformation. The Bundesnachrichtendienst, most of it, anyway, is currently brawling site near Munich, where and-alone buildings are hidden behind a high wall. The place seems to epitomize a substitution that has always operated on a need-to-know principle: each unit knows only as much as is necessary to conduct its business, and, of course, little is shared with the outside world.
If architecture is any guide, they will soon have a very different home. By 2011 the agency hopes to move into new premises in central Berlin—a huge futuristic structure with glass, a see-through fence and where there will even be a visitors' center.
What this signals is a new posture, outreach and even (if spies can tolerate such a thing) openness: in a post-9/11 era, when threats are monolithic, the agency feels the need to communicate with the public, to clarify its role as a bulwark against global terror and organized crime. Information can be improved—such, apparently, is the need-to-share philosophy. The agency is not abandoning its German home; most of the staff will stay behind, to the relief of German authorities. But people

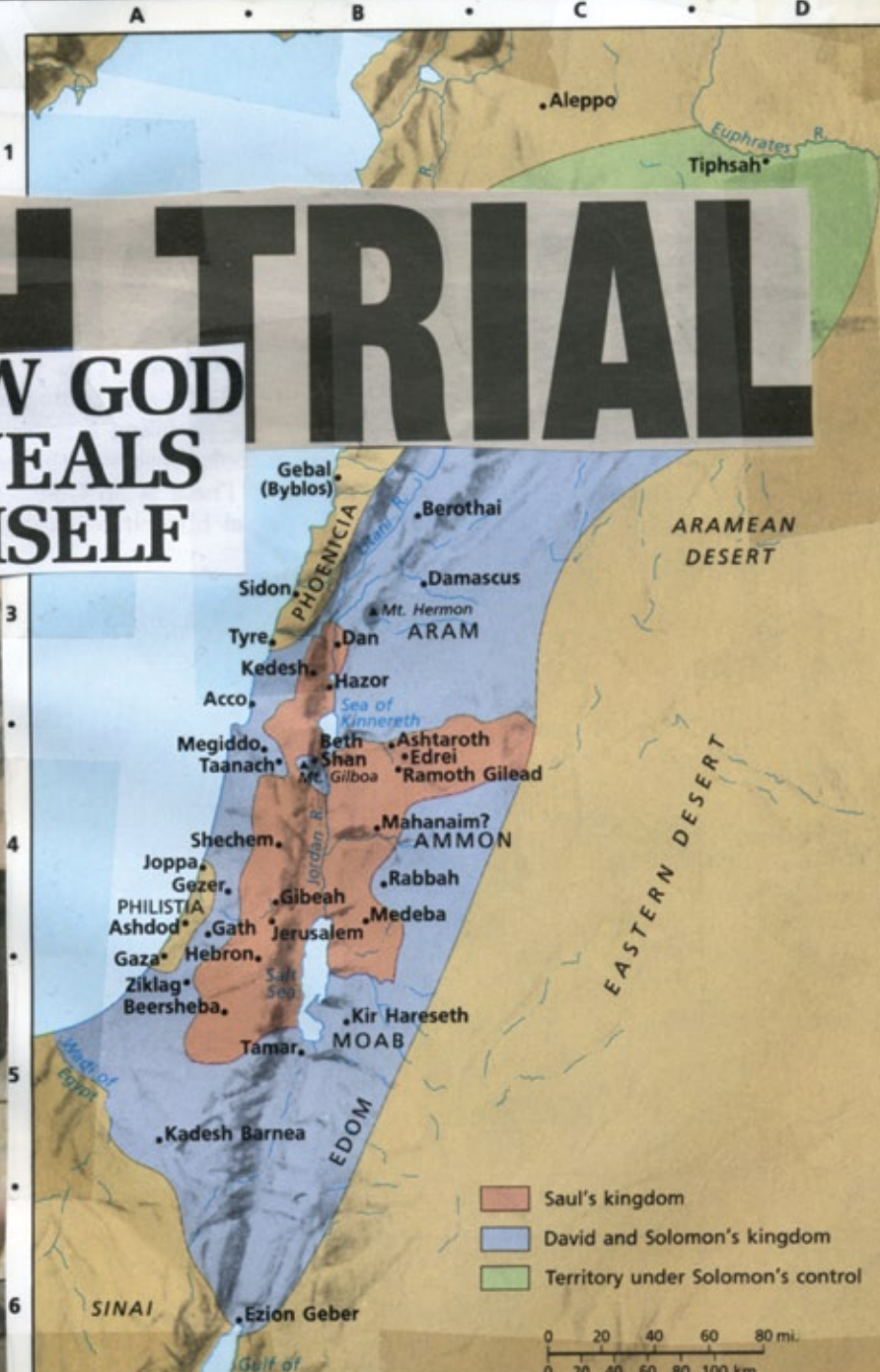
...words of Ernst Uhrlau, its president, "indispensable service" for a government whose security is growing more ambitious. People outside Germany think that the BND does quite a good job. It may seem evident. In recent years, it chalked up a number of successes, including the organization, in 2002, of a swap between Israel and Germany. It might well be called a performance soon. But in any case, doubts about the ability of the BND to do the job are not

...ation debates whether it is more American troops in Afghanistan, Germany at a modest increase in its contingent on Friday, and Prime Minister Brown of Britain, pressing European leaders to deploy more troops.
...ing discontent in the country about the mounting casualties. Mr. Brown said in a BBC radio interview that he was sending more troops to Afghanistan, Britain's largest contribution to the coalition. The British had 10,000 troops. Referring to al Qaeda, he said that he did not narrow the net. "I am asking them to think we could provide other 5,000 forces from NATO. He added



NYers for plotters' executions

...the right thing. But if it goes awry, I'm going to hold Obama and his Justice Department responsible," Riches said.
Views were mixed among downtown workers. Katelyn Collins, a 24-year-old legal assistant from Brooklyn, said: "I hope to see justice first-hand pass Ground Zero events."
...is poetic justice. "New York is not afraid of terrorists, we want to confront them, we want to bring them to justice, and we want to hold them accountable for their despicable actions."



words for 13 victims THE FALLEN

going into a village, ten men who had leprosy kept coming to him with the plea, 'Jesus, Master, have pity on us.' They stood at a distance and called out in a loud voice, 'Jesus, Master, have pity on us.'

For some time he refused. But finally he said, 'I will do what you want. But you must first go and show yourselves to the priest and be cleansed by him. For if you are not, you will be unclean and will be unclean to all the people.'

ears fruit next year, fine! If not, then cut it down.' ¹²When he had said this, he turned and went away, and the ten men stood there looking after him.

us' Sorrow for Jerusalem ¹³Matthew 23:37-39

At that time some Pharisees came to Jesus and said to him, 'Leave this place and go somewhere else. Herod wants to kill you.' He replied, 'Go tell that fox, 'I will drive out demons and heal people today and tomorrow, and on the Sabbath I will also do this.'

"We will look at [McChrystal's] assessment and then look at his resource recommendations," Gates said.

stand at 132,000, compared with the 600,000-strong Iraqi Army and police, Bergen said.



the Sabbath in one of the days of the week. She was not at all. ¹²When he had said this, he turned and went away, and the ten men stood there looking after him. ¹³Matthew 23:37-39

32 Who Had Real Power? Jesus was executed by powerful political authorities, among them the Roman official Herod. This statement, spoken before his arrest, reveals that Jesus had the real power. Jesus dismissed Herod as a fox, a Jewish expression for a worthless or insignificant person. Jesus' death on a cross came as a surprise to him; in fact, here he calls it his hour.

Defense Secretary Robert Gates ordered the review of the war shortly after McChrystal replaced Gen. David McKiernan in May in a shakeup of the top leadership in Afghanistan. The report was sent to Gen. David Petraeus, head of U.S. Central Command, and will then work its way up to Gates and NATO Secretary General Anders Fogh Rasmussen.

McChrystal has previously said there needs to be a renewed focus on counterinsurgency tactics, with troops focusing on protecting the population rather than killing the enemy. That is likely the way to go, said terrorism expert Peter Bergen, who doubts it is politically possible to send more U.S. troops to Afghanistan — even if McChrystal asks for them. "So the question is what do you do with the ones you have?" he told the Daily News. "Protect the population."

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your forefathers did; they killed the prophets, and you build their tombs. ⁴⁹Because of this, God in his wisdom said, 'I will send them prophets and apostles, some of whom they will kill and others they will persecute.' ⁵⁰Therefore this generation will be held responsible for the blood of all the prophets that has been shed since the beginning of the world, ⁵¹from the blood of Abel to the blood of Zechariah, who was killed between the altar and the sanctuary. Yes, I tell you, this generation will be held responsible for it all.

12:15 When Money Is Useless Jesus refused to get involved in a family dispute about money. In this statement, he neatly summarized his usual approach to money. He did not condemn the possession of it. But he did warn against putting faith in money to secure the future. The rich man's money did him absolutely no good the night of his death. To emphasize his point, Jesus referred back to King Solomon, the richest man in the Old Testament (verse 27). The lesson: trust in God and his kingdom, and free yourself of worry about money and possessions.

The Narrow Door ²²Then Jesus went through the towns and villages, teaching as he made his way to Jerusalem. ²³Someone asked him, "Lord, are only a few people going to be saved?" He said to them, ²⁴"Make every effort to enter the narrow door, because many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able to. ²⁵Once the owner of the house gets up and closes the door, you will stand outside knocking and pleading, 'Sir, open the door for us.' ²⁶But he will answer, 'I don't know you or where you come from.' ²⁷Then you will say, 'We ate and drank with you, and you taught in our streets.' ²⁸But he will reply, 'I don't know you or where you come from. Away from me, all you evildoers!' ²⁹There will be weeping there, and gnashing of teeth, for I tell you, no one will be able to enter after that time."

us at a Pharisee's House ⁴One Sabbath, when Jesus went to eat in the house of a prominent Pharisee, he was being carefully watched. ⁵There in front of him was a man suffering from dropsy. ⁶Jesus asked the Pharisees and experts in the law, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath or not?" ⁷But they remained silent. So taking hold of the man, he healed him and sent him away.

Adon, rendered "Lord," meaning Lord as Ruler in the earth. **Adonai, also rendered "Lord," meaning the Lord in his relation to the earth.** **Adonim, the plural of Adon, carries all the meaning of Adon but to a greater and higher degree. God is the owner and proprietor of the earth, the Lord who rules his own.** The Bible text often presents God's names in combination, hence *Adonai Yahweh* (Lord God), *Elyon El* (most high God) and *El Shaddai* (God Almighty).

U.S. officials had hoped that the election would establish a more stable government in Afghanistan with the legitimacy to combat the Taliban, corruption and the flourishing drug trade. The vote, however, was clouded by allegations of fraud. Gates also said he is sending more MRAPs (mine-resistant, ambush-protected vehicles) to Afghanistan.

Cami McCormick, 47, embedded with upstate Fort Drum's 10th Mountain Division, sustained multiple injuries, including fractures to her arms and legs, when the vehicle she was in was hit Friday by an improvised explosive device in Logar Province. McCormick will be flown from a military hospital in Germany to Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C., where she is recovering. McCormick was identified yesterday as the only U.S. soldier killed in the attack.

⁵²"Woe to you experts in the law, because you have taken away the key to knowledge. You yourselves have not entered, and you have hindered those who were entering."

⁵³When Jesus left there, the Pharisees and the teachers of the law began to oppose him fiercely and to besiege him with questions, ⁵⁴waiting to catch him in something he might say.

¹⁶And he told them this parable: "The ground of a certain rich man produced a good crop. ¹⁷He thought to himself, 'What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.' ¹⁸Then he said, 'This is what I'll do. I will tear down my barn and build a larger one, and I will store all my grain and my possessions there. ¹⁹Then I will say to myself, 'I am secure, because I have a large store of grain and money.' ²⁰But God said to him, 'Fool! This night I will require your soul, and the things you have stored up will be lost. ²¹Who can lay claim to those things? ²²Who will be able to take them away from him? ²³Who will be able to keep them for him? ²⁴Who will be able to keep them for him? ²⁵Who will be able to keep them for him? ²⁶Who will be able to keep them for him? ²⁷Who will be able to keep them for him? ²⁸Who will be able to keep them for him? ²⁹Who will be able to keep them for him? ³⁰Who will be able to keep them for him? ³¹Who will be able to keep them for him? ³²Who will be able to keep them for him? ³³Who will be able to keep them for him? ³⁴Who will be able to keep them for him? ³⁵Who will be able to keep them for him? ³⁶Who will be able to keep them for him? ³⁷Who will be able to keep them for him? ³⁸Who will be able to keep them for him? ³⁹Who will be able to keep them for him? ⁴⁰Who will be able to keep them for him? ⁴¹Who will be able to keep them for him? ⁴²Who will be able to keep them for him? ⁴³Who will be able to keep them for him? 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They'll be hauled into city to stand trial near Ground Zero

TO GET DEATH ...

WASHINGTON — The diabolical monsters who plotted the mass slaughter of 9/11 are headed to New York City for the mother of all murder trials.

America's top prosecutor said yesterday he hopes Khalid Shaikh Mohammed and four of his remorseless underlings — who snuffed out 2,973 lives at the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and in Pennsylvania — will be sentenced to die by a jury of New Yorkers.

Attorney General Eric Holder said he will direct federal prosecutors to seek the ultimate penalty for the gang of jihadi thugs after they're yanked out of Guantanamo Bay and marched into Manhattan Federal Court.

"After eight years of delay, those allegedly responsible for the attacks of Sept. 11 will finally face justice," Holder said at the Justice Department. "They will be brought to New York — to New York — to answer for their alleged

As you were It soon became clear that the plan would not suit Israel, after all. Palestinians contin-

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Political considerations did not come into play in his decision, he said.

On the morning before Friday's announcement, Mr. Holder called Mayor Michael Bloomberg

Civil liberties and human-rights groups praised the decision to try the detainees in federal court. Anthony Romero, executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union, called the announcement "an enormous victory for the rule of law."

the detainees they could be to the population. "We should not be in danger of another like against America and abroad," said ntative Peter T. King an of New York. Senator Jim Webb, D Virginia, questioned m of trying terrorism civilian courts, argu litary commissions we appropriate. But many mocrats praised the ting that New York h setting for other high rorism trials — includ secution of Omar Ab n, the "blind sheik" w minded the 1993 Worl ater bombing.

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The decision to prosecute some detainees in civilian court was a major policy shift from the Bush administration, which contended that suspected Al Qaeda members should not be treated like — nor given the rights of — ordinary criminals. It had charged the Sept. 11 defendants before a military commission at Guantánamo, which has a more flexible standard for evidence.

Days after his inauguration, President Obama signed orders halting the Bush era military commission trials and instructing officials to shut the prison within a year. But it became clear that closing the facility would be easier said than done, as political and legal pressures made it tough to move terrorism suspects into prisons in the United States, and

About 215 detainees remain Guantánamo, although about have been cleared for relea The task force is continuing evaluate their cases and Holder is expected to make announcements are expected



A usually tolerant country troubled by intolerant Muslim extremism

A Deep Wound Reopens, and Emotions Flow

NOT for nothing is it known as the Low Countries. The flat, watery Netherlands, inhabited by respectable burghers of the sort painted by Frans Hals, is normally a placid, prosperous place, and a bastion of enlightened liberalism. In modern times, indeed, it has become famous (or, to some, notorious) for its social tolerance: of gays, prostitution, soft drugs and, perhaps above all, of ethnic minorities.

Yet this tolerance is being severely tested. It began in May 2002 with the assassination by an animal-rights activist of Pim Fortuyn, a flamboyant, right-wing, anti-immigrant populist. Then, in November 2004, came the murder of Theo van Gogh, a film-maker who had made a movie, "Submission", featuring a beaten, naked Muslim woman covered in writings from the Koran. The killer, a Dutch-born Muslim of Moroccan origin, shot and then tried to decapitate Van Gogh, before pinning a note to the corpse threatening Ayaan Hirsi Ali, a Dutch Muslim who co-wrote the script of "Submission".

The killings shattered the Netherlands. Fortuyn's assassination, declared Jan Peter Balkenende, the present prime minister, was "un-Dutch". In fact this is not quite true. William the Silent was the first political leader ever assassinated with a gun, as long ago as 1584, and the de Witt brothers were literally torn apart by a mob in The

said Jim Riches, a retired deputy chief of the New York Fire Department, whose son, Jimmy, also a firefighter, died in the attack. "Let them get on trial. Let's do it the right way, for all the world to see what they're like. Let's go. It's been too long. Let's get some justice."

A trial will mean a forced public reattachment to a terrorist act that took almost 3,000 lives and singed the city's soul and tested its resilience. Khalid Shaikh Mohammed, the professed mastermind of the attack, along with four others accused in the plot, will be ferried to the city's own jail cells and put on trial almost in sight of the flattened crime scene. And everyone will be watching.

New York's public officials, for the most part, lined up in support

of a trial here. And many other accepted the development as p etic justice, an appropriate ci cling to an endpoint.

"I welcome anything th would bring these terrorists trial," said Sally Regenhar whose son, Christian, was killed in the attack, his remains neve recovered. "After eight lon years there has been no justic on this on any level, and we war these people brought to justice."

The lingering wash of emotion of Sept. 11, however, runs strong



answers to human problems. But for the most part have wanted nothing to do with God



Debt and destruction

made what I think for them was a difficult policy and political decisions to retain military commissions — to fine-tune them but retain them," he said, characterizing Mr. Holder's approach as a "good call."

In his May speech, Mr. Obama also said some detainees who are deemed too dangerous to release but too difficult to prosecute could be brought to the United States for preventive detention — essentially holding them indefinitely without trial. Mr. Holder on Friday offered no new detail about that plan, which has drawn fire from civil-liberties groups and local communities.

In July, a task force of Justice and Pentagon prosecutors developed a system for evaluating

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Savior and my God.

Psalm 44

the director of music. Of the Sons of Korah.
A maskil.
We have heard with our ears, O God;
our fathers have told us
you did in their days,
days long ago.
Your hand you drove out the nations;
you planted our fathers;
you rushed the peoples
before our fathers flourish.
Not by their sword that they won the
land,
nor did their arm bring them victory;
your right hand, your arm,
the light of your face, for
them.

are my King and my God,
who decrees victories for Jacob.
Though you we push back our
enough your name we tramp
not trust in my bow,
your sword does not bring me
victory over our
adversaries to sh
we make our boast all d
we will praise your name forever.

ow you have rejected and humbled us;
you no longer go out with our armies.
You made us retreat before the enemy,
our adversaries have plundered us.
You gave us up to be devoured like sheep
sold have scattered us among the nations.
You sold your people for a pittance,
gaining nothing from their sale.

have made us a reproach to our neighbors,
scorn and derision of those around us.
You have made us a byword among the
nations;
peoples shake their heads at us.
Disgrace is before me all day long,
and my face is covered with shame
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since he knows the secrets of the heart.
Yet for your sake we face death all day long
we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.

44:22 No Happy Ending

Not all the psalms have happy endings. This one
while beginning with distant memories of what
did in the past, ends with a poignant plea for
Prayers and faith in God have not produced
results. Is God asleep?

Yet God works in bigger patterns than we
see. The apostle Paul, considering the place of
suffering in a Christian's life, quoted this verse
to remind his readers that suffering was nothing
for believers (Romans 8:36). He asked, "Who
separate us from the love of Christ?" His response
"No one! Nothing!" He would have loved to
back in time and tell the suffering psalmist about
the good things in store for God's people.

Awake, O Lord! Why do you sleep?

Rouse you
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be tried will immediately
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target list — requiring
significant local resources
to protect the city that is al
ready a top target.

Unfortunately, President
Obama may have set into
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The cases against these
and other terrorists are, not
surprisingly, based signifi
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men in civilian court instead
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For example, a civilian
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Khalid Sheikh Mohammed's

Suicide Bomber Hits Convoy Near U.S. Base Outside Kabul

KABUL, Afghanistan — A sui
cide bomber struck Friday at a
United States military convoy as
it passed near a large American
installation on the outskirts of
Kabul.

The bomber attacked the con
voy outside Camp Phoenix, on
the Kabul-Jalalabad road, said
Gen. Sayed Ghafar Sayedzada,
the head of criminal investiga
tions with the Kabul Police De
partment. The blast shattered
windows in some nearby gas sta
tions, but there appeared to be no
major damage to other buildings
or the military base.

A Taliban spokesman, Zabihul
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your righteousness to the upright in heart.
Foot of the proud not come against me,
hand of the wicked drive me away.

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for Both Sides, Unparalleled Legal Obstacles

I don't care about fair trial

WASHINGTON — How do you
end one of the most notorious
terrorist figures in history?

One step, legal analysts say,
is to ask for a change of
venue.

Khalid Shaikh Mohammed's
attorneys, whoever they are, will
doubt question whether he
will get a fair trial from a jury sit
ting, as Attorney General Eric H.
Holder Jr. noted, in a Manhattan
courthouse "just blocks away
from where the Twin Towers

as long as the wicked are in my presence."
I when I was silent and still,
not even saying anything good,
my anguish increased.

My heart grew hot within me,
and as I meditated, the fire burned;
then I spoke with my tongue:

How me, O LORD, my life's end
and the number of my days;
do not let me know how fleeting is my life.

You have made my days a mere handbreadth;
of the span of my years is as nothing before
you.

Each man's life is but a breath.
In is a mere phantom as he goes to and fro:
He bustles about, but only in vain;
he heaps up wealth, not knowing who will
get it.

But now, Lord, what do I look for?
My hope is in you.

Do not make me the scorn of fools.
As silent, I would not open my mouth,
for you are the one who has done this.

Remove your scourge from me;
I am overcome by the blow of your hand.

10 Wrestling with God

All the psalms are happy. Some, such as this
and Psalms 44 and 88, are intensely sad. They
make sense out of suffering, and fail. They ask
for help and receive none. The Bible's
vision of such hopeless cries eloquently testifies
to the acceptance of human struggles. These
are not the final word on suffering. They
are, however, that wrestling with God has value
when you fail to find answers.

The army kills a Baluch chieftain

"IT IS better to die quickly in the moun
tain than slowly in bed," Akbar Bugti,
a rebellious tribal leader in Pakistan's
western province of Baluchistan, recently
told The Economist. On August 26th Mr.
Bugti, a charismatic octogenarian, aristoc
rat, former minister, murderer and terrific
charmer, got his preference. The govern
ment launched an attack on the cave in
which he had taken refuge with his retain
ers, causing the roof to collapse, and bury
ing those inside. In the following days, a
three-year campaign of bomb blasts and
arson by Baluch nationalists, including Mr.

waited patiently for the LORD;
he turned to me and heard my cry.
He lifted me out of the slimy pit,
out of the mud and mire;
he set my feet on a rock
and gave me a firm place to stand.

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court.

If the Justice Department does
try to introduce evidence that the
defense lawyers argue was coer
ced by torture, "I think that
we're going to shine a light on
something that a lot of people
don't want to look at," said Denny
LeBoeuf, an American Civil Lib
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and unusual punishment,"
Ruhnke said, "becomes a
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the defense may consid
er a motion to move the trial out
of New York because it was the
epicenter of the attacks, some le
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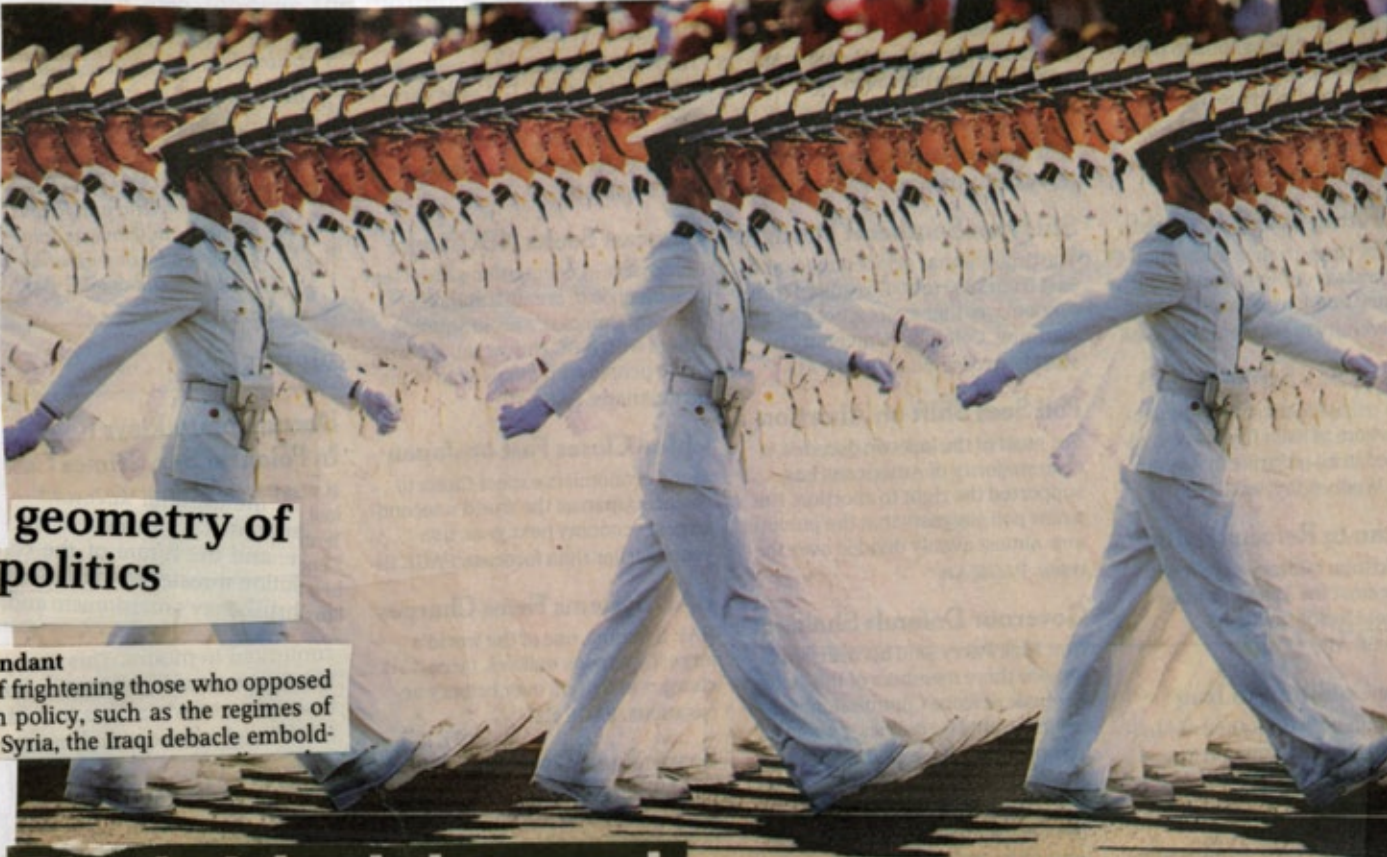
Indeed, legal analysts said
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But one challenge in seeking
the "ultimate justice" is New
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geometry of geopolitics

Iran ascendant
Instead of frightening those who opposed American policy, such as the regimes of Iran and Syria, the Iraqi debacle embold-

Blood-stained shoes and a burnt credit card are part of the September 11 Memorial & Museum at Ground Zero



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It is not known if the five men now will try to represent them-

"THE LORD OUR GOD, THE LORD IS ONE"

Judaism. Christianity. Islam. Look to Abraham as their fathers of his day in one vital respect: He worshipped one God — the true God.

Monotheism, the belief that but one God exists, is the starting point of true religion.

Abraham Worshipped the One True God

Abraham was not born in a monotheistic society. Centuries later, God reminded ancient Israel: "Your father including Terah, the father of Abraham...dwelt on the other side of the River in old times; and they served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from the other side of the River, led him throughout all the land of Canaan multiplied his descendants" (Joshua 24:2-3).

Before God called him, Abraham lived in Ur, though relatives may have lived in Haran. The people of both places worshipped many gods. Ur, for instance, was the site of a great ziggurat dedicated to the Sumerian moon-god, Nanna. Other temples at Ur honored An, Enlil, Enki, and Ninurta. God called Abraham out from these polytheistic settings.

The Song of the Cross

Even the best people sometimes suffer

divide my garments among them and cast lots for my clothing

erficially, the Old Testament can sometimes read like it's a mob scene. The Israelites, and they fight with the bad guys from moments when they get off track, worshiping idols and when they turn back to God, they invariably win, and win happily. God is on their side. In Psalm 22, and a few other places, the "good guy" is David, the great king and man "after God's own heart." He has no relief from God. It sounds like a mob scene, a lynching. They surround him, jeering, like a pack of dogs. He is helpless.

The psalmist wavers back and forth, first crying out his misery, then taking stock of God's powerful character, then describing his misery again. The whole poem is a prayer to God. Though this cry has gone up day and night (verse 2), God remains silent.

Humiliations?

In verse 22, the poem takes a dramatic turn, switching from the sufferer, who, in great excitement, tells others about it. He sees more than good fortune: he foresees this deliverance spilling over into the whole world. He has God's help told to future generations forever. God will be with him. The person might read Psalm 22 as an extravagant prayer. The writers of the New Testament saw something else. Jesus was dying on the cross. He had this psalm on his lips (Matthew 27:46). Afterwards, when his disciples wanted to know Jesus' life and sufferings, they turned to this psalm and others like it. The disciples saw a pattern and a foreshadowing. The pattern is redemptive suffering. Guys do not always win, if God seems actually to desert them — if David himself, the great and true man of God, knew these pains — then surely no one is exempt. And this is the point. After it (and because of it) come victory and power, and the salvation of the world. It helped Jesus' followers appreciate why Jesus, along with his followers, had been representing the suffering servant.

Fulfillment of Prophecy

Psalm 22 also helped the New Testament writers to see Jesus' life as a fulfillment of prophecy. Jews had expected a Warrior-Messiah, a son of David who would lead his people to victory through battle. In Psalm 22 they saw that David had left his people to victory through suffering. The Messiah would lead his followers in suffering. Clearly, in his life, Jesus was beyond the questions: Have



the good Israelite neighbors. After story, the poem, suffering has been done

I get up and know I'll never see my son again," she said. "This is

the ring in the capital

She, too, could not countenance the prospect of the suspects being defended by lawyers in a court in her city. She was among scores of relatives who had signed a letter opposing regular criminal trials for them.

the Veil

The first time they flipped the switch on the ethereal spectacle known as the Tribute in Light, Ground Zero was still a disaster zone, only six months had passed since 9/11, and dazed New Yorkers had grown weary of funerals.

When the time came, there was little pomp. Opera legend Jessye Norman sang "America the Beautiful." A few politicians made a few

Ahern, who, for a decade now, has orchestrated the tribute.

"People who were there — the construction workers, the recovery workers — told me they were immediately moved by it," he said.

Workers yesterday began setting up the array of 88 7,000-watt bulbs that make up the two columns, rolling them atop a parking garage a few blocks away.

The preparations will go on another switch is

With City in Spotlight, Anger or Satisfaction

and they run differently. To many others, the prospect of the trial was both unfair and too repulsive to entertain.

"It's absolutely disgusting," said Joan Molinaro, whose son, Carl, a firefighter, also died in the attack. She said of Mr. Mohammed, "He was willing to plead guilty in a military court. Now he comes to New York and gets all the rights of an American citizen, which he isn't. He's going to be, what, two blocks from ground zero, where he can see his handiwork and mock those he murdered."

She used to live on Staten Island, but has moved to a small town in Pennsylvania. She couldn't take hearing the wailing sirens of fire trucks.

She started crying. "Every day

or Michael R. Bloomberg said a statement, "It is fitting that 9 suspects face justice near the World Trade Center site, where so many New Yorkers were murdered." He pointed out that the city had been the setting for other terrorism trials, including that of Omar Abdel Rahman, who was convicted in 1995 in a plot to blow up New York landmarks.

Representative Jerrold Nadler, whose district includes Lower Manhattan, said in a statement, "New York is not afraid of terrorism. We want to confront the terrorists, we want to bring them to justice, and we want to hold them accountable for their despicable actions."

Yet there has been widespread public opposition to allowing an American city to accept for trial or detention, detainees being held at the military prison at Guantánamo Bay, Cuba. Various legislators have argued that the entry would be dangerous and put populations in peril.

"I fear trying them in our country," said Mike Low, whose daughter, Sara Elizabeth Low, died on one of the planes that struck the towers. He worries that "the defense will have many tools." He worries that "we're giving these monster forums to spew their garbage of more. They'll make a circus of it and just play it to the hilt."

Ronald L. Kuby, a New York lawyer who has represented defendants in terrorism investigations, took the position that it was important that the attack's victims, which he counted as many people in the city, could "witness the justice being done," adding, "The citizens of New York have a right to be

our fingers, the moon and the stars, which You
ined, What is man that You are mindful of him, and
of man that You visit him?" (Psalm 8:3-4).
The patriarch Job questioned God. In reply, God
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God's Purpose

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the most highly trained warriors in the world.



Development of Publicly Owned Enterprises in Kosovo

Head of Energy Office

In applying for the military's most rarefied special
units, it helps to come up from the ranks in its own right. The 75th Ranger

izes in difficult offensive strikes; one of its primary
is to serve as backup for many Delta Force, SEAL

m 6, and other black-ops missions. Rangers face
exceedingly strict selection and training process,

ch makes their ranks a popular candidate pool for

of the country's intelligence agency in Peshawar, sending a
message that they were able to hit even the most important official
zones in Pakistan. The explosion, which left at least 11 people
dead and more than 60 wounded, came just hours before General
Jones began meetings with Pakistan's president, Asif Ali Zardari,
and its army chief, Gen. Ashfaq Parvez Kayani.

19:7 The Names of God

After describing the skies as a reflection
From the sun, moon, and stars it turns
the beauty of God's law. Reflecting the
poem in Hebrew uses a different, more
name for God. The first six verses refer
a general name that anyone, of any re-
use — just like our English word *God*.
seven on, God is called "the LORD" (a
the Hebrew *Yahweh*) — the personal
revealed to Moses from the burning
3:15). The heavens declare the glory of
God's law reveals even more — his per-
his chosen people. He introduces him-
by his first name, as it were.

8The precepts of the LORD are right,
giving joy to the heart.
The commands of the LORD are radiant,
giving light to the eyes.
9The fear of the LORD is pure,
enduring forever.
The ordinances of the LORD are sure
and altogether righteous.
10They are more precious than gold,
than much pure gold;
they are sweeter than honey,
than honey from the comb.
11By them is your servant warned;
in keeping them there is great reward.
12Who can discern his errors?
Forgive my hidden faults.
13Keep your servant also from willful sins;
may they not rule over me.
Then will I be blameless,
innocent of great transgression.
14May the words of my mouth and the meditation
of my heart
praise you, O LORD, my Redeemer.

Psalm 20

UNMIK



Besides completing all basic and advanced indi-
vidual training and airborne school, soldiers hoping

e Rangers must score in the 60th percentile
in the Army's standard physical fitness test
core for pushups: 71 in two minutes). Beyond
ance requirements include being able to fin-
-mile run in 40 minutes or less, complete a
d road march with a heavy pack, navigate a
gging swimming test, pass a full psychological
reening, and qualify for a U.S. government
security clearance at the "secret" level.

Russian Deal

After that, applicants take a pre-Ranger course in
ich they hone their fitness and weapons skills further
before the real test begins: Ranger School. The school is
a 61-day immersion and simulation course designed to
test and train small-group leadership and assault tactics
(everyone in a class is stripped of rank, and everyone
takes turns leading) with three increasingly intense

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tance — a separation — between themselves
the way it has been ever since. The Bible is
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full century warning the world of God's con-
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My enemies turn back;
they stumble and perish before you.
4For you have upheld my right and my cau-
you have sat on your throne, judging
righteously.
5You have rebuked the nations and destroy-
the wicked;
you have blotted out their name for ever-
ever.

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visible attributes are clearly
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or without cause have robbed my foe —
then let my enemy pursue and overtake me;
let him trample my life to the ground
and make me sleep in the dust. Selah
6Arise, O LORD, in your anger;
rise up against the rage of my enemies.
Awake, my God; decree justice.
7Let the assembled peoples gather around you.
Rule over them from on high;
let the LORD judge the peoples.
Judge me, O LORD, according to my
righteousness,
according to my integrity, O Most High.
9O righteous God,
who searches minds and hearts,
bring to an end the violence of the wicked
and make the righteous secure.

10My shield is God Most High,
who saves the upright
11God is a righteous judge,
a God who expresses h-
12If he does not relent,
he will sharpen his sw-
he will bend and string
13He has prepared his dead
he makes ready his flar-
14He who is pregnant with
and conceives trouble g
disillusionment.
15He who digs a hole and s-
falls into the pit he has
16The trouble he causes rec-
his violence comes dow-
17I will give thanks to the L-
righteousness
and will sing praise to t
Most High.

Psalm 8

For the director of music. According to gittith.
A psalm of David.

1O LORD, our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the ear-
You have set your glory
above the heavens.
2From the lips of children and infants
you have ordained praise
because of your enemies,
to silence the foe and the avenger.

2 Children's Power

almighty God needs no great powers to b-
m. He shuts up his enemies through little ch-
id their spontaneous praise. That is exactly
ppened in Jesus' time (Matthew 21:16).

IF YOU COULD ASK GOD ONE QUESTIONS

That approach yielded, among
other bloody acts, the attacks on
USS Cole, the World Trade Cen-
ter, the Pentagon — and, quite
frankly, last week's slaughter
Fort Hood.

They were acts of war,
and simple, whether or not
dent Obama and Holder wa-
accept it.

It makes no more sense
those responsible in a ci-
court than it would have be-
hold a trial for the Japanese
bombed Pearl Harbor.

On a purely self-interested
note, New Yorkers must be won-
dering whether it makes sense

the moon and the stars,
which you have set in place,
what is man that you are mindful
against the Pakistani govern-
ment in western Pakistan on Fri-
day, the same day the American
national security adviser, Gen.
James L. Jones, met with top Pa-
kistani officials here in the cap-
ital.
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Osama son's death downplayed

WASHINGTON — The apparent
killing of one of Osama Bin
Laden's sons in a CIA drone
attack won't have much impact
on the terror leader or Al Qaeda
operations, intelligence sources
said yesterday.

Saad Bin Laden, one of the
Saudi killer's older sons among
15 children by his six wives, is be-
lieved dead after a missile strike
in Pakistan this year, three U.S.
counterterror officials said.

Some U.S. officials said there

is still no certainty the younger
Bin Laden is dead.

"While this may be the belief
of many people, there has been
no confirmation of it," an intelli-
gence official said.

His killing was first reported
by National Public Radio.

U.S. policy is not to comment
directly on CIA drone attacks
against Al Qaeda operatives in
Pakistan's lawless tribal belt on
the Afghan border. The agency
has blitzed the region with about
50 strikes in the past year.

to understand the nature of God. Believe it or not, we
ven come to take part in that divine nature.
low? Through God's own revelation of himself.

A man came forward trying to shoot Kurilla with a pisto-

arently realizing his only escape was by fighting his way ou-

lying in the process. Kurilla was aiming at the doorwa-

or him to come out. Had Pr-

nent, who knows what the o-

Prosser shot the man at lea-

he American M-4 rifles are weak—after Prosser landed three

early point-blank shots in the man's abdomen, splattering a tes-

icle with a fourth, the man just staggered back, regrouped, and

shoot Prosser.

Prosser's M-4 went "black" (no more bullets). A shooter

also having problems with his pistol, but there was no

load. Prosser threw down his empty M-4, ran into the

attacked the man.

WTC

Bomber Kills at Least 11 At Pakistan Spy Agency

PREVIOUS NEW YORK TERROR TRIALS

■ **1995:** Sheik Omar Abdel-Rahman and nine followers convicted in thwarted plot to blow up the United Nations, the FBI's New York headquarters, the Lincoln and Holland tunnels and the George Washington Bridge.



■ **1997:** Terrorist mastermind Ramzi Yousef and a second man convicted in the 1993 World Trade Center bombing plot that killed six.



■ **2001:** Four men found guilty

to kill U.S. troops in Afghanistan and help plan commuter train attack.
"In the fall of 2007, I left my home in Long Island to travel to Pakistan with the intention of meeting a group to fight American troops," Vinas said on Jan. 28 in Court.
sealed last night by Federal Judge shows the hometown terror from a prepared statement.
in Pakistan, I made contact with into Al Qaeda, a jihadist group responsible for attacks against including suicide bombings targeted aid.
nt officials believe Vinas, who converted to Islam and grew up on what he perceived was a Muslim at the Selden, worshiped were revolted by Vinas said.
graduate of Longwood High School received military-style training in explosives and suicide bombings.
Vinas was ready to take part in the direction of Al Qaeda leader, military based near the Pakistani.
failed, and we had to aborting on the base, but a few days later rockets at an American base was informed that the rocket failed," he said.
troops were injured.

Pakistan administration knew occasion

Qns. 'Qaeda' raid

to blow up the Herald Square subway station.

'Dying' Lockerbie terror

THE LIBYAN government invited a British camera crew to film the Lockerbie bomber in a hospital bed, hooked up to machines and an oxygen mask.

Abdelbaset al-Megrahi, who has prostate cancer, is "a dying man" who can no longer speak, Libyan Foreign Secretary Mohammed Siala said yesterday.

Asked if his release was the result of a shady oil-for-terrorist deal, Megrahi's head lolled on the pillow. He did not seem to register the question.

The invite to film came after Megrahi's father ignited a new firestorm when he said his son wasn't really dying.

"It is not that serious as some news media have been portraying," Ali al-Megrahi told an Arab paper last week. "He is improving day by day."

ing day by day."

The only man convicted in the 1988 bombing of Pan Am 103 that killed 270 people was released from a Scottish prison Aug. 20 after doctors said he had three months to live.

Relatives of those lost on the plane were skeptical of the hospital footage.

"Pardon me, but he's posed to have prostate cancer. Why is he wearing an oxygen mask?"

Firm banned by city & feds excavating for Freedom Tower

President's Top Lawyer to Step Down



FBI agents raid a building in Flushing where authorities believe terrorists were hatching a plan to set off backpack bombings.

WALID BIN ATTASH

He was an operational commander who oversaw the October 2000 bombing of the warship Cole, which killed 17 sailors. He then helped train 9/11 hijackers in hand-to-hand combat at an Al Qaeda camp in Afghanistan. Authorities believe he was Bin Laden's onetime bodyguard. Bin Laden also is believed to have selected him as a hijacker, but he was detained in Yemen in early 2001.



MUSTAFA AL-HAWSAWI

From his position in the United Arab Emirates, he was able to discreetly oversee wire transfers for the hijack plotters sent to the U.S. al-Hawsawi, a Saudi, testified in the trial of convicted 9/11 plotter Zacarias Moussaoui, saying he had seen Moussaoui at an al-Qaeda guesthouse in Kandahar, Afghanistan, in early 2001. Authorities believed he helped the 9/11 hijackers with cash, credit cards and Western clothing.



AL ABDUL AZIZ ALI

Khalid Shaikh Mohammed's nephew, known as "Ammar al-Baluchi," helped plan the 9/11 strikes and sent the



North Korea Threats Persist

The F.D.A. indefinitely delayed

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Trying times ahead for city

Officials are confident the Manhattan federal courthouse will be a fortress of security for the trials of alleged 9/11 plotters — but the greater challenge lies in protecting the city from radicals seeking to seize the opportunity to strike elsewhere, sources told The Post.

The concentration of law-enforcement agencies

protecting the judge, lawyers and jurors could leave an unrelated landmark or symbolic structure vulnerable, said a former federal official who oversaw security at past terror trials.

The courthouse is virtually impenetrable, with its thick granite construction, round-the-clock perimeter guards, and high-floor

courtrooms. As for protecting the principles, officials plan to use the trial that followed the 1993 World Trade Center bombing as a blueprint.

During that trial, cops surrounded the courthouse, nearby roads were closed and helicopters hovered above.

Daeda, the 1920s had self-just-freed host commandos bat

The 19th Street home of a Bosnian family — including a father, mother, adult son and daughter — was also raided, said John Choe, a City Council candidate from Flushing.

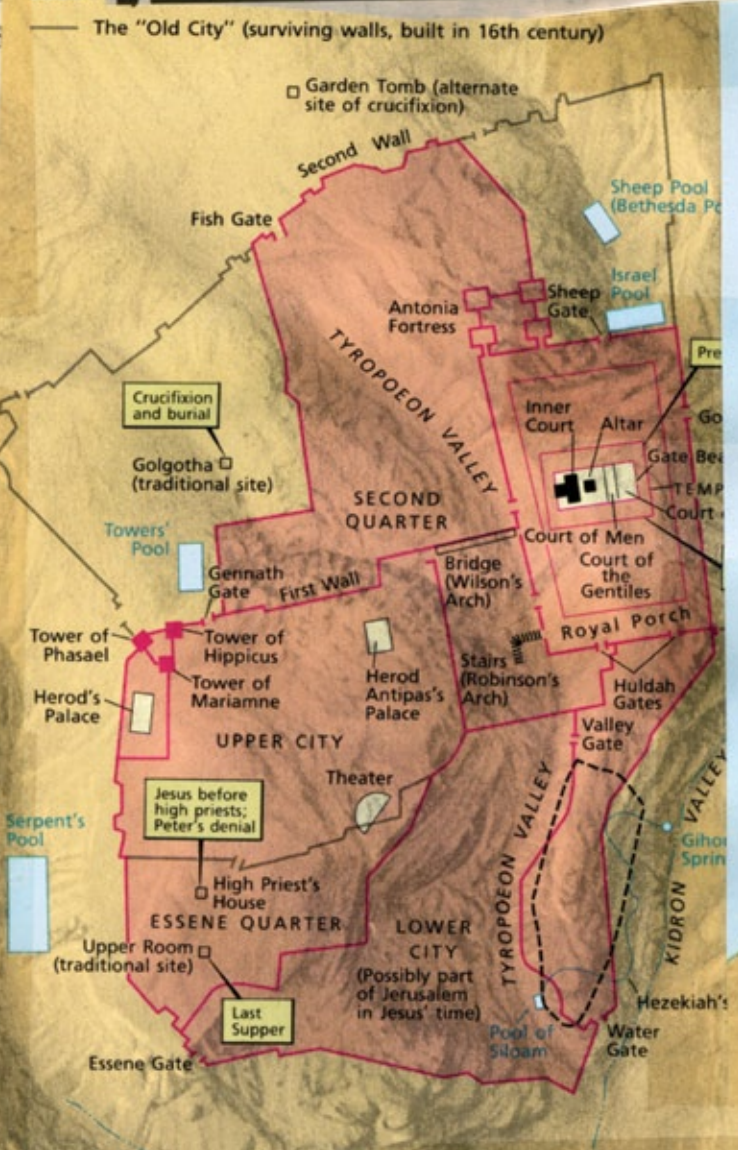
The third home, on Parsons Boulevard in Flushing, was hit around 7 a.m. when about 10 unmarked cars, sedans and SUVs pulled up as helicopters buzzed overhead, witnesses said.

About three dozen agents, armed with submachine guns and wearing bulletproof vests marked FBI, stormed the top floor of a three-story, red-brick apartment house.

Terrorist's plea reveals IIRR plot



justice in shadow of WTC



RETURN

9/11

Americans abroad told stay alert for 9/11

The State Department yesterday issued a worldwide travel alert ahead of 9/11's 10th anniversary — calling on Americans living and traveling abroad to remain vigilant.

Authorities said no "specific threats" had been identified but stressed that al Qaeda and its affiliates had "demonstrated the intent and capability to carry

out attacks against the United States."

And in a statement, the State Department noted that "terrorist organizations have on occasion planned their attacks to

coincide with significant dates on the calendar."

A report released this week conceded that gaps in security remained, including at airports.

Witness

PFC. THOMAS TUCKER

Soldiers suffer horrific fate at hands of Iraqi fiends

Jesse Jasper of the 82nd Airborne was reported killed in Afghanistan, leaving relatives in Niagara Falls grief-stricken for four hours — until they heard from him by phone.



ISTIAN MENCHACA

ALI ABD AL-AZIZ
ALI
Baluchistan
province, Pakistan

Evil deeds:

- Helped nine 9/11 hijackers travel to US and sent them \$120,000 for expenses and

- Believed to have helped Sheik Mohammed

ened them. Iran gained strategically, and at no cost to itself, from the American-imposed regime change in two neighbouring countries, Afghanistan and Iraq. Iraq's newly empowered Shias were natural allies, while even such archly Sunni countries as Saudi Arabia, and secular ones like Turkey, now felt it wise to accommodate Shia Iran rather than challenge it. Rekindled nationalism within Iran helped elect

Warriors for the 21st Century

The spies get ready for a new building, and a new image

Others hailed the decision, arguing that prosecuting alleged



an Inner-Circle Man



quence, and yesterday's Fort Hood memorial was no exception. His moving tribute to the 13 fallen soldiers contained such lines as "In a time of cynicism, they remind us of who we are as Americans" and "We are a nation that endures because of the courage of those who defend it."

Yet Obama stopped short of calling the attack what it obviously was: terrorism, even treason, committed by an Army

pointing dodge was achieved only through a parade of tortured inconsistencies.

He said we are "in a time of war," but called the attack a "tragedy." He mentioned Afghanistan and Pakistan, saying "the same extremists who killed nearly 3,000 Americans continue to endanger America," but never said the same radical Islam led to the massacre.

He didn't mention the killer's

contacts with al Qaeda, but said, "No faith justifies these murderous and craven acts." He didn't acknowledge that Nidal Malik Hasan had shouted, "Allahu akbar" (God is great) as he fired his guns, but the president said, "No just and loving God looks upon them with favor."

Still, we can at least be grateful Obama didn't mouth the poppycock that the attack was a case of posttraumatic stress disorder. Going down that silly slope would have been a real tragedy.



Cries from the Heart

Songs for sorrow as well as joy



crucial for the Delta mentality, candidates must be able to handle the cutoff time they need to beat, which is 10 minutes. A lot of longtime Army folks, who spent their careers knowing exactly how fast they need to complete a test in order to pass. Candidates are never given any feedback about their performance throughout the process. Delta's selection process carries with it the vestiges of the SAS's history, based on psychology and mental maturity in the face of the deeply difficult moral dilemmas a mission can present.

The phase ends with a 40-mile task with no time limit and no guidance other than to "do your best and give as hard as you can." But with each check-in, candidates are given one last chance. The instructors are looking for those who will not give up. "I read," 8 years, just according to Eric Haney, author of *Inside Delta*.

Johnson, in an orange jumpsuit, part of a skeleton crew assigned for FJC Security Services, watched the parade of people along the Memorial Wall, whose bas-relief sculpture so powerfully tells the story of Sept. 11, 2001. "It's busier than usual here the last few days, as you might expect," he said. "But it's always quiet on Sundays, except for church."

Johnson shook his head, kept his voice low, because of the crowd behind him and the people in front of him, the people constant. "It's the story of the country, that's all the yelling seems to be," he said. "Like to see them down here."

of this place, out of what happened on that day, was supposed to come the best of us, not just because of the ones who died here, the firefighters who were on the wall outside the house, those names on the wall of Heroes.

promised ourselves we were going to be a better city, a better country because of what happened. We told ourselves that we knew what really happened now. In the aftermath of the worst day the city and the country had known, we promised to find the best in ourselves, to be each other. On this most recent anniversary of Sept. 11, the country is as full of hate and noise as has ever been. This is an America where Rep. Joe Wilson, no matter he is, thinks he can call himself President of the United States, a liar, Wilson talking to the president the way he would

se. This course focuses on intelligence, not just on a shooting range, but on close-quarters combat—on the ground and meticulously picking off targets, and cargo trucks. The training philosophies of Delta Force are rooted in a simple principle: the instructors' own maturity and intelligence. There is none of the discipline chores found in the regular Army. "I consoled him over all the trouble that brought upon him, and each one gave him a silver and a gold ring."

42:10 Seeing in the Dark
Significantly, Job spoke his contrite words before any of his losses had been restored. He was still sitting in a pile of ashes, naked and with sores. Because he had seen God, he believed God even in the midst of suffering. No certainty of relief.

needed to be. "And now building manager Alice

Mastermind

When tenants complained, Thompson quickly added some American flags so "there would be no mistaking who this memorial is for."

Neighbors said Hasan told them he was being deployed overseas and cleaned out his apartment before the rampage, giving away his furniture along with several copies of the Koran. Hasan was especially generous to neighbor Patricia Villa. In addition to giving her fresh fruit and vegetables, Hasan gave her husband a black wool Harvé Benard jacket, matching dress pants, a white cotton dress shirt and two ties — one red and black; one blue and black. "I thought he was being nice," she said. Hasan even had the clothes dry-cleaned, and delivered them in the plastic cleaners bag. "My husband won't put that suit on his body," Villa said. "He doesn't want that man's clothing touching his skin. It's like touching evil."

Villa has plans for the clothes. "I'm going to sell it on eBay," she said. "I'm going to make me some money out of it." The steady stream of donations along the Memorial is also more civil, where the political debate

Praise turns to outrage at apt. complex

THE MURDEROUS major lived so close to Fort Hood he didn't need an alarm clock — he was awakened every morning by a bugler playing reveille. Army Maj. Nidal Malik Hasan bunked at the Casa De Norte complex in Apartment 9, three blocks from the base where the feds say he massacred 13 people.

Hasan paid \$325 a month for a modest one-bedroom pad on the second floor that looks out on a small courtyard.

Hasan's landlord considered him a great tenant because he paid the rent six months in advance.

Now building manager Alice

named its name. Tragically, New Yorkers yesterday that admitted mastermind Khalid Mohammed and four terrorists deserve to die to death — and some volunteered for the mission. "I will."

Keane, owner of the restaurant & Pub a from Ground Zero, "They should have care of them in Guantanamo Bay. Hang them. It would have been easier."

first, he added, "we'd waterboard them a more."

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The Making of a Commando

Tragic relics in 9/11 museum

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The soaring deficit can drive up interest rates, slow economic growth [and] further weaken the dollar.

Germany will send 120 more combat troops to Afghanistan in January.

A military setting brings out the best in President Obama's elo-

major against defenseless comrades. He hinted, but his disap-

INTRODUCTION

are my hiding place; you will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of praise. 32:7

at the very center of the Bible are songs, rising up like a tune from its heart. They capture the innermost thoughts and prayers of Old Testament people—and they still speak to our needs.

every emotion and mood you can find a psalm to match. The psalms wrestle with the deepest and ask God the hardest questions about suffering and injustice. Their voice is refreshingly honest. They do not tip flowery compliments toward God: they cry out to him, or shout for him.

er you read these poems, you can't think of the Old Testament as dry and rule-bound. Nor is the Old Testament God distant and impersonal. In almost every psalm you find the presence of an active, strong, and loving ruler—a God who makes

PSALMS

ited to David, at least one was written 500 years after his birth. A number of poets and writers contributed, and about a third of the psalms are completely

ie psalms come together? They seem to have been compiled as a hymnbook for use in worship. Some psalms were written from an individual's experiences, but were adapted for public use. Directions for musicians were added, along with a few verses to widen the appeal to everybody.

show tremendous variation, reflecting the many personalities who contributed their prayers over several centuries. Yet readers have found an inner consistency in the way they can move from one psalm to the next without being particularly aware that centuries older than another. Some have called the psalms a Bible within the Bible—a story telling a single story.

compared the book of Psalms to a beautiful cathedral built over centuries. Each wing and each window show the individual genius of its designers, yet all the parts are somehow harmonious. This harmony comes not merely from a common sense of style, but from unity of purpose: the whole cathedral is made for the worship of one and the same God. Just so, the psalms reflect, in a hundred moods and experiences, the never-changing reality of a strong and loving God who cares for his people.

The Presence of Real Enemies

God is not the only reality in the psalms. Equally persistent are enemies who sneer and hurt and violence. They, too, appear in nearly every psalm. For the psalmists, faith in God was a struggle against powerful forces that often seemed more real than God.

The psalm writers frequently asked, "Where are you, God? Why don't you help me?" Despite their love for God, they often felt abandoned, misused, betrayed. They found no guarantee of safety in their closeness to God. The joy and praise that saturate these prayers came not from an absence of problems, but from a deep conviction that a great God would overcome them.

Jesus, dying on the cross, twice expressed himself in the words of psalms (22:1 and 31:5), and his disciples, in trying to explain his life, quoted from Psalms more than any other book. They appear to have meditated on these words, and they could see





Beginnings and endings

about survivors.

I left work around 9 p.m. on 33rd St. The Edison parking lot was a happy-side Highway desolate.

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and two student producers, she found actors from all four grades. The group
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